



Public Safety Alliance

Dedicated to First Responders...First

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The Honorable John D. Dingell
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2215

Dear Congressman Dingell:

On behalf of the more than 2 million first responders nationwide, the Public Safety Alliance strongly supports your introduction of companion legislation to Senate bill S. 911 – the *Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2011*, which was recently favorably voted out of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on a 21-4 vote with overwhelming bipartisan support.

As a senior Member and former Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, your introduction of this companion bill includes key legislative principles that the public safety, first responder and state and local government communities have requested as a top priority issue for Congress to enact this year ahead of the the 10th Anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11. Specifically, your legislation would: (1) allocate the entire 10 MHz D Block within the 700 band to public safety and allow it to be combined with 10 MHz already allocated to public safety for broadband, (2) reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission to conduct spectrum auctions in the future to boost the economy and raise revenue to pay down the debt and fund other programs, (3) authorize voluntary incentive auctions to generate tens of billions in new revenue of up \$10 billion for debt reduction and \$11 billion to help fund the nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. Like S.911, your legislation meets a still outstanding recommendation of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, as recently reiterated in testimony before Congress by their bipartisan co-chairs.

We thank you for your leadership in sponsoring this critical legislation. We urge the House Energy and Commerce Committee to swiftly co-sponsor and pass this legislation in order to bring it to the House floor immediately. We look forward to working with you on this top priority public safety issue in the coming days and weeks toward final enactment ahead of the 10th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

The Public Safety Alliance Leadership



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